

BRIDGEPORT AS IT WAS

100-50-20 YEARS AGO

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO.

BLUE LAWS—NOVEMBER, 1814.
(Statement of a Law Case adjudged by Lemuel Sanford, Esq., against Ebenezer D. Starr, of Danbury, for breach of the Sabbath.)

COMPLAINT. That on Sunday, the 22nd day of May last past, the said Starr was guilty of travelling through the town of Haddam in the stage.

Questions by the Defendant to the Grand Jurymen.

Where was you when you saw me travelling?

At the house of my uncle.

Were you not on a visit? (This question was overruled by the Court as not applying to the case, but after judgment was given he acknowledged he was, and said he had lately had a cousin come from the westward and he went to see him.)

What time of the day was it?

I believe the sun to have been half an hour high, in the afternoon.

Did you request me to stop, or ask to cause my travel?

No, I did not wish you to stop, I wanted your money, or I wanted to complain of you.

Plas and Proof of Defendant Before Court.

That he had been detained in New York on a law case much longer than he expected; that his wife was in a delicate condition; and that he did not like to travel in the evening; and that he had no other way to get home but in the stage. The judgment of the Court was, THAT THERE BE NO FURTHER PROCEEDINGS ON THE MATTER.

Samuel C. Blackman, Esq., of Newtown was complained of at the same time, but as writing to Lemuel Sanford, Esq., that his wife was in a delicate condition, and subject to poor turns, his name was excused.

The Court reserved decision.

EBENEZER D. STARR,
Danbury, July 10th, 1815.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

THE PARKS

Agreement to call contained in the papers of this city, a large meeting convened at Washington hall, Tuesday afternoon, to consider of subject of "reopening the parks" and providing for the improvement of the "Park" in East Bridgeport, and the Seaside Park, located partly in this town and partly in Fairfield, Conn. A complete unanimity of sentiment prevailed concerning the necessity of securing these grounds for the public, and the only difference of opinion was in relation to the amount of money to be voted for the improvement of the Seaside Park. The amount appropriated by the original resolution was \$5,000. This was amended and increased to \$10,000, and the resolution passed. It is as follows:

VOTED. That the Common Council be and they are hereby authorized to receive for and in the name and behalf of the City of Bridgeport, a deed of deeds of the land in East Bridgeport, known as the "Park," and also a deed or deeds of the lands in Fairfield, designated and shown on a map prepared by Lambert & Beckwith, as a "Seaside Park," to be kept and forever maintained by the City of Bridgeport, and to be used for the purpose of playing and improvements of said park, in East Bridgeport, the sum of \$10,000, in addition to the sum raised by public subscription, for that purpose, and on said Seaside park, a sum not exceeding \$10,000.

A motion was made that the mayor and selectmen of Bridgeport be appointed a committee to procure a deed of that portion of the land in Fairfield included within the limits of the Seaside park, but after discussion it was withdrawn, and the meeting adjourned. The Council will, of course, take the necessary steps to secure jurisdiction over the land in question.

TWENTY YEARS AGO.

BONES OF THE FOURTH

The emergency physicians are still doctoring Fourth of July victims. Ernest Windhovel, who lives on French street, had his left hand treated on the Fourth for a punctured wound. At the time it was feared that some of the bones were broken. Today Windhovel appeared at the Emergency and it was found that the metacarpal bone was fractured and fragments of it were removed. The wound was caused by a ramrod entering the hand below the wrist.

Little Harry Cooper, aged 10, of 328 Kosuth street, got the thumb of his right hand in front of a cannon on the Fourth, and it was filled with powder and wadding. It made Harry cry today when Dr. Osborn put that member upon and removed the foreign substances.

BETHA LODGE INSTALLATION.

The elected officers of Betha lodge, No. 54, D. O. H. H. degree, were installed last night by D. D. O. B. Charles Moser. The grand officers of the state, G. B. George Herlich of New Haven, G. S. George Michler of P. O. E. Heinrich Hausner of Meriden, were present and were full of praise for the manner in which the installation took place.

The following officers were appointed: Warden, Marie Kost; Conductor, Mrs. Agnes Ankley; G. G. William Ankley; I. G. Mrs. Louise Wiemer; R. H. S. of the O. B. Mrs. Mary Brehm; H. S. Miss Katie Kost; R. H. S. of the U. E. Mrs. Helena Habersicht; L. H. S. Miss Barbara Strohm; Finance committee, Mrs. Christina Wurtz, Mrs. Louise Wiemer and Mrs. Augusta Schoenwalder.

Mrs. Mary E. Smith, living at the corner of East Main street and East Washington avenue, was thrown from a team in a runaway accident yesterday morning. Among other injuries she sustained a dislocation of the right shoulder, which was reduced by Dr. Topping and Cowell. She was alone in the team at the time.

SUNDAY BALL GAMES.

Chicago, July 10, 1895.—Capt. Anson and eight of his coits were placed on trial yesterday for playing baseball in their park Sunday, June 23. The two witnesses were Rev. W. W. Clark and E. T. Cornell, who swore that they could hear a disturbance while they were in houses on the street.

SUICIDE MAY HAVE BEEN RELATED TO LOCAL RESIDENTS

Wife of Man Who Jumped From Brooklyn Bridge Wanted to Come Here.

A letter from his wife asking for money to pay traveling expenses to this city, was found yesterday afternoon in pocket of Walter Orgenius, aged 30, of Brooklyn, who dived to his death from the Brooklyn bridge.

As Joseph Goodwin of No. 807 West 125th street and Frank Hageman of No. 134 Greenpoint avenue, Brooklyn, were passing under the Brooklyn bridge yesterday afternoon in Goodwin's launch, the Delmore, the body of a man fell from overhead and struck the water so near them that they felt the spray from the splash.

They swung the boat around, waited for the body to come to the surface and then made all speed for the foot of Catherine street, Manhattan. Dr. Marone of Volunteer hospital said that the man had died the instant he struck the water.

The body was found to be that of Walter Orgenius of No. 724 Fifth avenue, Brooklyn. He was seen as he dived from one of the cables by a policeman who reached the spot just too late to stop him.

Charles Van Tassel of No. 446 Sixth avenue, Brooklyn, driver of a truck, said that Orgenius hailed him as he was leaving the Manhattan end of the bridge and asked for a ride. He jumped on the wagon and rode to the middle of the bridge.

There he called to Van Tassel to stop, took off his hat, pressed a letter in it and laid it on the truck. Then he ran to the side of the bridge and without pausing flung himself off the cable. He turned several somersaults before he struck the water.

The letter was found to be addressed to his wife, who, the police say, lives at No. 93 Elm avenue, Yonkers.

Orgenius was a painter and decorator. In his pockets were found one cent and several pawn tickets besides the letter from his wife, asking him to send her some money for traveling expenses to Bridgeport, and also to purchase shoes for "Charles" and "Edie." It is not known if Orgenius has relatives in this city.

U. S. CAVALRYMEN SEEK HIGHWAYMEN IN NATIONAL PARK

Scouts on Trail of Men Who Robbed New York Teachers in Yellowstone.

Salt Lake City, Utah, July 10.—United States cavalry and scouts today are searching the western side of Yellowstone National Park for three highwaymen who are believed to have robbed a party of 35 tourists, mostly teachers from New York city, who were making the trip into the park in five stage coaches.

All reports received here stated that the highwaymen were traveling in the vicinity of the junction of the Gibbon and Firehole rivers, United States Senator J. H. Brady, of Idaho; F. J. Haynes, president of one of the transportation concerns, and Barney Baruch, of New York, were in the party. The robbery occurred about one and one-half miles above the junction.

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It is believed the bandits are making their way toward Jackson Hole country, a favorite retreat of criminals, south of the park.

Forty of 55 In Class Win Recognition For Excellence in Work

From the class of 55 who were graduated in June from the Commercial Department of the local High school, 40 have won recognition for their typewriting work in the annual competitions recently held by the Remington and Typewriter companies. Of these Miss Ruth Finkelstein and Henry P. Kiley captured the gold medals awarded by the Remington Co., and Miss Finkelstein was said by the company to have made the best record of any public or private pupil in the state. She wrote 67 words per minute for 10 minutes but the few errors which she made brought down her average to 64 words per minute. Ten pupils were awarded card cases by the Remington Co. for a record of 40 or more words per minute and 18 were presented with banners for a score of 55 net.

The Remington Co. is making an offer of a \$100 typewriter for next year to the student who can make a net average of 60 or more words per minute without mistakes and it is thought that Miss Finkelstein will have a chance to win this coveted award in her work progress as much in the coming year as it has in the past.

When a former horse owner is learning to drive an automobile, it is very helpful to holler "Whoa" in a loud voice when you want to stop.

WEDDINGS, BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES AND ENGAGEMENTS

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HUMAN INTEREST NOTES

FOUND IN THE LATEST WAR BULLETINS

Bomb For Egypt's Ruler

London, July 10.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Alexandria, Egypt, states that while the Sultan of Egypt was going to prayers a bomb was thrown from a window and fell at the feet of the horses. It did not explode.

The person who threw the bomb escaped.

Rockefeller Relief Falls

London, July 10.—The last member of the Rockefeller Foundation's War Relief Commission remaining in Berlin has left that city, the German Government having canceled an agreement which permitted the commission to take charge of the work of feeding the civilian population of Poland. Several months ago, Ernest P. Bicknell and Henry James, Jr., members of the commission, secured an agreement with the German Government for its financial aid in the plan if permission were obtained from the Entente Allies to import the necessary food supplies. Negotiations to this end with the Russian Government failed. Then the British Foreign Office was approached, but as no agreement had yet been reached the German Government canceled the original agreement.

Princesses Serve Dolls

London, July 10.—Princess Marie Louise of Schleswig-Holstein and Princess Alexandra of Teck were present at the opening of the canteen for munition workers at Hayes, Middlesex, today and assisted in waiting on the men at dinner.

Princess Marie Louise is the daughter of Prince Christian of Schleswig-Holstein and Princess Helena, the eldest daughter of Queen Victoria. She has lived in England since her divorce from Prince Albert of Anhalt in 1900.

Kaiser's Villa U-Boat Base

Paris, July 10.—A telegram from Athens says passengers arriving at the Pireus from the island of Imbros declare that the Kaiser's famous Villa Achilleon, in the island of Corfu, has been transformed into a supply base for the German submarines, which are now operating in force in the Aegean.

War Prayers Asked by Bishop of London

London, July 10.—The Bishop of London has sent a circular letter to all the clergy of his diocese urging the redoubting of the people's prayers for victory. He suggests that every church be open all day during July for private prayer and that there also should be frequent intercession services. The Bishop proposes to fix Sunday, July 25, for a special appeal, with services of prayer, processions, open-air meetings, etc.

Toll of Attack By Trawler

Berlin, July 10.—The Overseas News Agency gave out a statement today saying that according to reports the German steamship Pallas of Flensburg was attacked in Norwegian territorial waters by an armed British trawler, which fired twice at the steamer. The statement goes on:

"The British auxiliary cruiser Victoria assisted in the violation of neutral rights until a Norwegian guardship arrived. The Guardship secured the release of the steamer and eleven men from her, who had been arrested in violation of international law."

"The Norwegian Government has protested to Great Britain against this violation of neutral rights."

Pierre de Solsons Wounded

London, July 10.—In the officers' casualty list just published appears the name of Lieut. Pierre de Solsons of the Border regiment, who has been wounded in the fighting at the Dardanelles. He is well known to American newspaper correspondents, having served in the foreign offices of several New York and London newspapers.

Czech Papers Suppressed

Zurich, July 10.—It is announced that the authorities at Prague have suspended the publication of two Czech newspapers, the Kolofabskeponbony and the Obuvnicki Listy. The former the organ of the Czech Constitutional Party, and the latter the publication of the Czech shoe manufacturers.

Large numbers of prominent Czech residents of Bohemia have recently fled into Switzerland. These refugees, describing conditions in Bohemia, say that the arrest of political leaders is of daily occurrence, that the country is full of spies and that trial by jury has been suspended by the Austrian Cabinet on the ground that it is impossible to prepare proper jury lists owing to the war.

Italy's Novel Problem

Udine, Italy, July 10.—With the arrival of fresh contingents of volunteers and soldiers called under the colors from Canada, the United States and South America, those unable to speak Italian are so numerous that the military authorities are obliged to form special companies where military instruction is given in French, English, Spanish and even in Arabic.

Swiss Issue New Loan

Berne, Switzerland, July 10.—The Swiss Government today decided to issue a new loan, to cover the cost of mobilization, of \$20,000,000. The loan will bear 4 1/2 per cent interest, and will be issued at 95 1/2.

ASSESSOR HUGHES

RECOVERY IS SLOW.

The recovery of Assessor Frank J. Hughes from injuries recently suffered in an automobile accident is not progressing as fast as his friends in this city would wish. He has now been confined to the hospital and his home for six weeks. Orthopaedic treatment has been resorted to in an effort to better muscular conditions of his neck and leg.

GROCER BANKRUPT.

John Bodnar of 341 Hallock street, a grocer and meat dealer, filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States court yesterday, and he made cash that he did not have the money to pay the filing fee. His liabilities, all unsecured, are listed at \$1,216. Assets consist of stock in trade valued at \$500 and debts due on open accounts, \$21.68.

BROOKLYN COUNTRY CLUB PLANS ACCEPTED

Bids will be called for in a few weeks for the construction of a new club house for the Brooklyn Country club. It is probable the structure will cost \$75,000. Bowling alleys and other improvements will be in the new home. The plans of the building committee were approved yesterday at a meeting held in the office of Henry A. Bishop, and an architect has been commissioned to prepare specifications.

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